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In re Patent Application of:
Tsutomu Yuasa et al.

Application No.: 10/025,588

Confirmation No.: 7945

Filed: December 26, 2001

Art Unit: 1713

For: POLYCARBOXYLIC ACID COPOLYMER,
PRODUCTION METHOD AND USE
THEREOF

Examiner: H. L. Pezzuto

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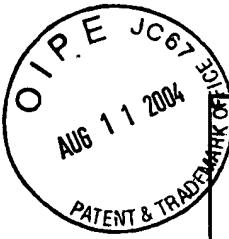
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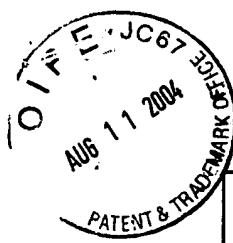
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1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
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1403	290	2403	145 Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable
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1503	640	2503	320 Plant issue fee
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